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For: **ETHYLENEDICysteine (EC)-DRUG
CONJUGATES, COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS FOR TISSUE SPECIFIC
DISEASE IMAGING**

DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) AND 1.27(d) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: BOARD OF REGENTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
SYSTEM

Address of Organization: 201 West 7th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

The type of organization is a university.

I hereby declare that the organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) (1), and thus is a "small entity" as defined in § 1.9(f), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the above-referenced application.

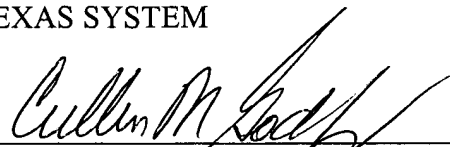
I hereby declare that exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the organization, with respect to the above-referenced invention, nor have I assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR. § 1.9(d) or a

nonprofit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e), with the exception that the Government may have rights in the invention pursuant to a funding agreement under 35 U.S.C. § 202(c)(4): None.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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